

confirmed the appointment, probably thinking it the cheapest way of saving the mails from the burden of carrying and office holders from the tax of paying for a "second edition."

Republics are proverbially ungrateful, and the "belittling and having" biographer had not set foot on the shores of Oahu before his successor was appointed. Having had a small taste of the office, he negotiated for a "second edition" and received a commission for Potatoes, but the King very civilly declined the honor of his further acquaintance. The dispenser of "mollis spicis" to a President could not stand this affront from a King, and in a temper of rage with the new Consul and in disgust with dignitaries of every sized parchment, he actually sold his palapa as U. S. Vice Consul, at auction, for \$5 cents. I have heard it was bought by the Collector of this port, who still preserves it as an emblem of the exalted patriotism of the dispenser of office. Time, however, cools resentments, and not long after he tried the Chile Vice Consulship, anxious in his cosmopolitan benevolence to serve some country whether they wanted his services or not. His reception at this new attempt to resume his faded honors was as chilly as the other—and the twice rejected of the U. S. and Tongataboo, sealed up his "mollis spicis" for another time, and unheating his claws like an angry cat over a picked bone ever since. The length and sharpness of his talons recommended him at once for the editorship of the "News," and it is rumored of late that the "sanctum" has been removed to the crazy room at Little Greenwich, which from the vibrations that reach my ear through its columns, I think must be correct.

After such experience, Mr. Editor, if you are able to find a better judge of the application of a "venible commodity," as applied to a foreign Consul, than the author of the life of Jack Tyler, my name is not CANE.

Mr. Editor.—Having seen in No. 43 of the "Sanwich Islands News," a communication signed "Quidam," some paragraphs of which I know to be false, I shall be pleased to contradict the same through your columns; not that the insinuations there thrown out in regard to the Rev. J. S. Green, will be believed for a moment by any one acquainted with him. But justice requires that the public should know that the insinuations are as false and foul as the heart is malignant that hatched them.

I am a "plain, blunt man," therefore I trust to be excused for speaking the truth plainly. As regards "Mahogany Sofas," Rev. J. S. Green has none, but plain iron settees instead, manufactured by his own hand, as was nearly all the furniture now in his house. This fact speaks but little for his "lounging on Mahogany Sofas."

In regard to "Chickering's" (Coleman's) \$500 Piano with an Aolian attachment, Mr. Green has none at present, but I hope he may soon be enabled to obtain one, not as "a pensioner of the government," for such he is not—nor as a recipient of the "ages of tithing," but by the honest and diligent labor of his hands, together with what his people are able and willing to give him as their minister and teacher.

In conclusion permit me to inquire, who that is acquainted with Rev. J. S. Green, is so regardless of exposure as to utter such deliberate and gross falsehoods; or if unacquainted, is mean enough gratuitously to retail such idle slander? But I suppose he is safe enough, whoever he may be, as being of fond of this "savage mode of warfare as the 'Hawaiian savages' are of 'gew-gaws and fiery.'" I have nothing to say of the remainder of the communication, not knowing in what proportions truth and falsehood are compounded therein; but if the baser metal predominates as much through the whole as in the paragraph cited, the public will do well not to receive it as current coin.

I speak what I do know, and testify what I have seen, voluntarily for the sake of truth.

J. T. GOWER.  
Makawao, East Maui,  
July 8th, 1847.

## THE POLYNESIAN.

HONOLULU, SATURDAY, JULY 17, 1847.

Mr. Alexander G. Abell is pleased to say of us in a communication in the News of the 14th in reference to the note of James Vanburen, that "it must have appeared to him mean to the last degree." We have no hesitation in avowing that we do think that the publication of communications in which private reputations and feelings are assailed, is improper. Mr. Abell is quite welcome to this avowal, coupled however with our reasons for allowing the note of Mr. Vanburen to enter our columns in contravention of a general editorial rule.

Mr. Abell, as an editor of the News, has since commencement both indulged in and permitted latitude of attack and abuse, in a great degree personal and offensive. His measure of editorial license is to be found in such phrases as we quoted from his journal in our last, among which we applied to the largest part of the foreign residents, we find such refined expressions as these:—"striking eyesphant—a boot lick, a mean flatterer for place and favor, a contemptible craven," "as while the 'missionaries' are made to appear as 'pimps,' the judge of Oahu 'an embezzled stupidity,' and the Rev. J. S. Green 'a self-righteous dogmatist and bigot.'" If more examples are required of the style and spirit which Mr. Abell has diffused over the columns of the News, we refer our readers to those to be seen under the head of "Our Tongataboo Correspondent." In that of October 21st, ult.—Mr. Abell is represented as contending "that the violation of Tongatabooan (Hawaiian) females was a crime," and "as Minister of Finance his gold uniform is a broad brimmed white hat, and gold crowns, a big crown of tobacco and red ribbon just six inches broad." It is true that these classical effusions are veiled under assumed names, but the application is just as apparent, and it was so intended, as if the names of the individuals thus libelously caricatured, had been printed in full. With so much license devoted to "a big crown of tobacco" it is not to be supposed that a "coat of arms" would escape the keen vision of the author of these letters. In that of October 7th, we find him speaking of the family crest of Mr. Richards in these terms:

"Of the information of the curious, the shield presents something unknown to your correspondent, and the crest is stated by the owner to be a sheep. But whether the device was chosen to commemorate the capture of some fat wethers, or his forefathers their meek and lamb-like conduct in time of battle, the king-at-arms of Timbuctoo is quite unable to say."

If it follow that because a man has a lamb presented on his coat of arms, his ancestors must either have been sheep-stealers or cowards; with all due deference to Mr. Abell's own anonymous display in this respect, we respectfully inquire of him what is the natural inference, when the device is an uplifted arm with a dagger? Not a thief or assassin we trust, though the Tongataboo rule of heraldic interpretation, we defy Mr. Abell to find any other meaning to the device. We make the inquiry, simply

to show the gentleman that the coat he made for another is an exact fit for himself, a fact which perhaps escaped him, in his anxiety to display his wit. Of Mr. Wallie we learn in the News of 18th Nov., that his "every day apparel" is a "cocked hat," "a pair of epaulettes, a yellow cord and tassel worn over his shoulder after the manner of a powder flask, and the faintest conception of a dark about 7 1/2 inches long." After this let no one be surprised at the proficiency displayed by the author in tailor's craft in the following:

"In personal appearance H. T. M. M. F. Relations bears a striking resemblance to Lord Brougham, especially in the pattern of his trousers—a fact of which he is justly proud—and which is his present full dress, when visiting a man-of-war; as a white star upon his breast, two yellow crowns upon his collar, a beautiful ruselet moustache upon his face, and a crimson ribbon regulation ribbon worn by the other Ministers of State."

Had he kept to a province in which he shines as an adept, that is to say as judge of "the pattern of his trousers," we should have been as much inclined to be merry over his fun as any one, for by our best pair of scissors, we cannot see any great amount of ill-blood to come of that.

"Jackalls," "hyenas," "monkeys," are the terms employed in the News of November 25th, in alluding to the officers generally of the King's government. In that of May 26, the public will find a characteristic specimen of Mr. Abell's delicacy in relation to the private affairs of others, in the untrue statement made in regard to the schooner "Gen. Kearney," by which he sought to injure the reputation and destroy the property of another, who had given him no provocation whatever. We have alluded to the want of regard for truth displayed by the "News," and have given repeated instances of it. In that of Feb. 28, we find an article under the caption of "From Mr. Janion," and signed "Robert C. Janion," professing to be a review of the title of Kaahumanu, &c. Now, notwithstanding this double attempt at fastening a paternity upon that garbled production, by Mr. Janion's ambitious display of his patronymic, "The image and superscription of authorship," to quote the News—"are too plainly imprinted in every sentence and line to be mistaken for a moment." We believe Consul General Miller to be the true author, and in stating this we beg him to credit it to our anxiety that the laurels of authorship should reach their legitimate brows. Knowing the Consul General to be a great stickler for the practical illustration of "honesty is the best policy," we respectfully inquire of him, why he makes Mr. Reynolds, the Bremen Consul, in his testimony taken at the Palace, Sept. 1845, to say, "Karainoku told me that Boki was to succeed him as the REGENT of the government." The testimony quoted from expressly says "agent" of the government, (see page 8th of the pamphlet, "Investigation at the Palace, &c.") which, if correctly given by Gen. Miller, would have made a slight difference in his argument.

These examples, and those given in our last, though but a few indiscriminately taken from a multitude of a similar character, are sufficient to make our assertions good relative to the editorial style and spirit of Mr. Abell, and the provocation he has in consequence given to others to attack him in return. So far as we were personally concerned, we determined that when the "News" was started, and its existence was in some degree indebted to us, we would maintain the utmost amiability on our part towards it. From the talent engaged in editing it, we were naturally led to expect candid criticism on public affairs, useful suggestions for our policy, and above all, a practical illustration of what a public journal should be in every sense. We felt a sincere pleasure in seeing another paper started under such favorable auspices; launched at once skillfully manned and well ballasted direct upon the full tide of popular favor. Conscious of our own want of experience and numerous imperfections as an editor, we rejoiced at the opportunity thus presented of a model journal before us—a sort of newspaper pattern and literary Mentor, which coming to us weekly, would be of inestimable advantage by way of example. If our temper waxed warm, or our ideas grew dull, the "News" was to have been the grand elixir by which we were to be kept good natured and bright. Now we inquire of our candid friends, the public, whether it is not justly answerable to us in damages, in disappointing so grievously such reasonable expectations. Yet our patience and charity failed not. Notwithstanding the torrents of abuse which it weekly poured forth, we printed not one syllable in reply, not even in contradiction of its most unwarrantable statements. We wished to see whether the vein would not be exhausted and the editors at last, having discharged their bile, apply themselves to redeeming in some degree their pledges to the public. But this forbearance was lost upon them, and the paper became as its subscribers so well know, a mere vehicle for the ill-natured and factious views of private parties, who managed it as if it had no higher object and the public had no greater interest than to be listening to their inharmonious notes of anger or spite.

In two instances only that we are aware of, did it pretend to give what its title indicates, "News" to the public. Those instances we quoted and credited. In return, when it undertook to give any, it abstracted our shipping intelligence and growing more bold, from its impunity, or else courting notice either from the law or individuals, that it might be supposed to have some credit in the community, it soon dropped its transparent veil of anonymous libel, and proceeded to the attack direct. Seeing, as we did, that forbearance but induced greater outrages of truth and charity, and that statements unfurled, might by chance, carry some weight with them, we did finally, after eight months silence, show up its character and objects. So far as one of the editors is concerned, Mr. Brinsmade, we have the vanity to suppose that the showing up has not been without its effect. For a wonderful change has come over his pen, if we may judge from No. 3, to John L. Had its effusions all been in that tone, they would have merited and received the attention which he now too late claims for them. We truly say, there are some very good ideas in it, though we beg of the author, if he wishes to make his style intelligible, to shorten his periods somewhat. An ordinary understanding becomes lost in the maze of words and ideas, fused so incessantly into one Alexandrian sentence. But reform with Mr. Abell has proved a vain expectation. At last we allowed him to be

created as he treats others, as in the case of James Vanburen. His effect has been most wholesome. He finds his own practice applied to himself particularly galling. We beg of him, hereafter, to reflect when tempted to pour forth from the exhausted fountain of his ire upon innocent paper, that he should not embark in such a warfare without counting its cost. If he will recklessly assail private individuals, he must expect to be assailed in return. A caustic pen is sometimes of no advantage to the possessor.

We admitted the note of James Vanburen to show Mr. Abell that he is quite as open and as sensitive to attack, as those whom he assaults. It sometimes happens that the only way left to put out a fire, is by making another. We presume Mr. Vanburen is abundantly able to substantiate his statement. At all events he puts his name openly to it. But as Mr. Abell makes the note an occasion of one of his characteristic assaults upon Mr. Judd, charging him with the authorship, we will tell him, and if he wish, prove it to his entire satisfaction, that Mr. Judd knew nothing, whatever, in relation to it, and never saw it, until he met with it in print. Neither did we, until we found it in our copy drawer. The same is perfectly true also of the editorial attributed to Mr. Wyllie. That gentleman neither saw nor knew there was such an article, until he met with it in print in last Saturday's Polynesian. So that in both instances, as in most others, Mr. Abell finds himself in the unenviable position of having missed his aim and assaulted parties, who were as wholly innocent of the authorship of the obnoxious pieces, as he is himself.

We coincide most cordially with him in the doctrine that a "Minister of Foreign Relations" should not comment through the public prints upon the private or official character of foreign agents. We trust that he will agree with us that the doctrine is equally as sound as applied in the same sense to "Foreign Agents." A newspaper warfare in either light, is certainly indecorous, and calculated to excite anger instead of conserving harmony. It was on this account that we referred to the subject in our last Polynesian. If the Minister of Foreign Relations cannot comment upon Foreign Agents in the public prints without infringing official decorum, neither can Foreign Agents use a public print for their comments upon the officers and nation to which they are accredited, without disturbing those amicable relations, which it should be the duty of both to prize. This was all we intended to say, and no one would be more gratified than we, to learn that the rule has in no instance been infringed. "The News," however, tacitly admits the charge, though adroitly endeavoring to dodge it. Its reply consists in a recrimination, and that founded on a wholly erroneous assumption. If it do not wish to see confirmed, the impression that the public have received in this respect, it must take some more direct course of refutation, than that of begging the question.

Published by Authority.

The King has been pleased to command that the anniversary of the Restoration of the Islands by Admiral Thomas, on the 31st July, 1843, be celebrated this year, by an entertainment in the native style, at his country house in Nuanuu.

His Majesty will leave the Palace exactly at 10 A. M., on that day.

The Representatives and Consuls of Foreign Nations, with their families, and all foreign residents, ladies and gentlemen, and the natives generally of both sexes, will be welcome to the entertainment, without any special invitation.

His Majesty has ordered that the special exercise shall commence at 12 M.

His Majesty will return at 4 P. M.

The Rev. Mr. Armstrong has engaged to deliver in Native and English, a discourse suitable for the occasion, at half past 7, the same evening, in the large Native church.

## MARINE JOURNAL.

### PORT OF HONOLULU.

#### NOTICE TO WHALERS.

Honolulu is a free port to Whalers of all nations, the only charges being \$2 for buoys and \$1 for clearance—tonnage dues and pilotage being abolished by the law of 15th June, 1847. For further particulars see the Commercial Regulations on the last page.

#### SAILED.

The Hobson's Bay Co. bark Columbia, hence, arrived at Columbia River in 17 days.

Loss of ANOTHER WHALING BRIG AND THREE LIVES.—The Glenora, at Baiting, from Charleston, fell in with on the 10th inst. 32 long 72 3/4, long Marabou, of Plymouth, and took Capt. Colwell and 18 of the crew. The M. sailed from Plymouth, 12th ult. on a whaling cruise, on 10th inst. 31, long 43, during a heavy gale from SSE, she was thrown on her beam ends. She was then got round before the wind, and scudded under fore topmast stay sail. The vessel was then sighted by the whaler, and the two boats were cut away. At 4 o'clock P. M. a sea broke over her stern, knocking her down and washing overboard Wm. Trip of Tiverton, deck officer, and David S. M. of a sea, seaman. Geo. S. Ellis, seaman, was also drowned at the same time in the forecastle. The brig remained on her beam ends about 20 minutes, when her masts went by the board and she rolled full of water. All hands then lashed themselves to the wreck, and remained in that position 36 hours, their only subsistence being a barrel of sugar which was wet with salt water. On the 23d, the weather moderating, they battered down the masts, and on the 24th raised 36 masts, and used over provisions, wood and water, to lighten the brig. On the 25th Capt. Newton, of and from New Bedford for the Pacific, by which they were supplied with provisions, and on the 26th, after giving in return some beef and a tow line—all their natural belongings, &c., having been destroyed. 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